Introduced by Senator Machado

August 28, 2006

An act to amend Section 2911 of the Penal Code, relating to inmate transfers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 12, as introduced, Machado. Inmates: transfer to federal or out of state facilities.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to enter into contracts with the United States for the confinement, care, education, treatment, and employment of those persons convicted of criminal offenses in the courts of this state and committed to state prisons as is determined may benefit therefrom, as specified.

This bill would expand the scope of that authority to include contracting with other states or political subdivision thereof for those purposes, as specified. The bill would make other technical changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2911 of the Penal Code, as amended by
- 2 Section 3 of Chapter 565 of the Statutes of 1994, is amended to
- 3 read:
- 4 2911. (a) The Director Secretary of the Department of
- 5 Corrections and Rehabilitation may enter into contracts, with the

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approval of the Director of General Services, with appropriate officials or agencies of the United States, or officials, agencies, or political subdivisions of another state government, for the confinement, care, education, treatment, and employment of those persons convicted of criminal offenses in the courts of this state and committed to state prisons as the director secretary believes can benefit by the confinement, care, education, treatment, and employment.

- (b) Any contract entered into pursuant to subdivision (a) shall provide for (1) reimbursement to the United States government, or other state government or political subdivision thereof, for the cost of those services, including any costs incurred by the government in transporting the prisoners, and (2) any other matters as may be necessary and appropriate to fix the obligations, responsibilities and rights of the respective parties to the contract.
- (c) No inmate may be transferred from an institution within this state to a federal facility or an out of state facility pursuant to a contract entered into pursuant to subdivision (a) unless he or she has executed, in the presence of the warden or other head of the institution in this state in which he or she is confined, a written consent to the transfer. The inmate shall have the right to a private consultation with an attorney of his or her choice, concerning his or her rights and obligations under this section, prior to his or her appearance before the warden or other head of the institution for the purpose of executing the written consent.
- (d) Whenever a contract has been made pursuant to this section the director secretary may direct the transfer of an inmate to the facility designated and shall thereafter deliver the inmate to the custody of the appropriate federal or out of state officials for transportation to that facility. An inmate so transferred shall at all times be subject to the jurisdiction of this state and may at any time be removed from the facility in which he or she is confined for return to this state, for transfer to another facility in which this state may have a contractual or other right to confine inmates, for release on probation or parole, for discharge, or for any other purpose permitted by the laws of this state; in all other respects, an inmate transferred to a federal or out of state facility shall be subject to all provisions of the law or regulations applicable to persons committed for violations of laws of the

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United States *or the receiving state that are* not inconsistent with the sentence imposed on the inmate.

- (e) The Board of Prison Terms Parole Hearings, and the panels and members thereof, may meet at the federal facility or out of state facility where an inmate is confined pursuant to this section or enter into cooperative arrangements with corresponding federal agencies or officials, or out of state agencies or officials, as necessary to carry out the term-fixing and parole functions. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed to waive an inmate's right to personally appear before the Board of Prison Terms Parole Hearings.
- (f) Any inmate confined pursuant to a contract entered into pursuant to this section shall be released within the territory of this state unless the inmate, this state, and the federal government shall or other state government or political subdivision thereof agree upon release in some other place. This state shall bear the cost of return of the inmate to its territory.
- (g) This section shall not apply to an inmate who is transferred by the Department of Corrections *and Rehabilitation* to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service Customs Enforcement pursuant to Section 5025.
- SEC. 2. Section 2911 of the Penal Code, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 567 of the Statutes of 1994, is amended to read:
- 2911. (a) The—Director Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may enter into contracts, with the approval of the Director of General Services, with appropriate officials or agencies of the United States or officials, agencies, or political subdivisions of another state government for the confinement, care, education, treatment, and employment of persons convicted of criminal offenses in the courts of this state and committed to state prisons as the director secretary believes can benefit by confinement, care, education, treatment, and employment.
- (b) Any contract entered into pursuant to subdivision (a) shall provide for (1) reimbursement to the United States government or to the other state government or political subdivision thereof for the cost of services, including any costs incurred by the federal government or other state government or political subdivision thereof in transporting prisoners, and (2) other

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matters as may be necessary and appropriate to fix the obligations, responsibilities and rights of the respective parties to the contract.

- (c) No inmate may be transferred from an institution within this state to a federal facility *or out of state facility* pursuant to a contract unless he or she has executed, in the presence of the warden or other head of the institution in this state in which he or she is confined, a written consent to the transfer. The inmate shall have the right to a private consultation with an attorney of his or her choice, concerning his or her rights and obligations under this section, prior to his or her appearance before the warden or other head of the institution for the purpose of executing the written consent.
- (d) Whenever a contract has been made pursuant to this section the director secretary may direct the transfer of an inmate to the facility designated and shall thereafter deliver the inmate to the custody of the appropriate federal *or out of state* officials for transportation to the facility. An inmate so transferred shall at all times be subject to the jurisdiction of this state and may at any time be removed from the facility in which he or she is confined for return to this state, for transfer to another facility in which this state may have a contractual or other right to confine inmates, for release on probation or parole, for discharge, or for any other purpose permitted by the laws of this state; in all other respects, an inmate transferred to a federal facility or out of state facility shall be subject to all provisions of the law or regulations applicable to persons committed for violations of laws of the United States or the receiving state that are not inconsistent with the sentence imposed on the inmate.
- (e) The Board of—Prison Terms Parole Hearings, and the panels and members thereof, may meet at the federal facility or out of state facility where an inmate is confined pursuant to this section or enter into cooperative arrangements with corresponding federal or out of state agencies or officials, as necessary to carry out the term-fixing and parole functions. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed to waive an inmate's right to personally appear before the Board of—Prison Terms Parole Hearings.
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5 (g) This section shall not apply to any inmate or ward who is transferred by the Department of the Youth Authority or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Section 9 5025.

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